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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT TOPIC Soviet Troop TrainsEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 20 May 1954

REFERENCES.

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REMARKS

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CB - Converted Boxcar
 B - Boxcar
 F - Flatcar
 RRym- Heavy-Duty Flatcar

1. The following troop trains passed through the Wustermark railroad station on 2 and 3 May 1954:

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Date in May	Number of Cars	From	To
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2	15 F with 15 pontoon trucks	Doeberitz;	Rosslau
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3	1 B, 10 F with 10 pontoon trucks	Eberswalde	Rosslau
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	1 B, 2 F with 2 tanks and 2 trucks	Eberswalde	Haldensleben
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	undetermined with tanks	Neustrelitz; Unit	Haldensleben
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	2 SP guns, and trucks		
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	undetermined with 2 armored scout cars, 20 motorcycles, and 5 trucks	Neustrelitz	Wuensdorf;
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undetermined with
T-34 tanks

Templin

Haldensleben

2. Troop trains observed at the Magdeburg-Rothensee railroad station between 28 April and 7 May included:

Date	Number of Cars	From	To
April 28	undetermined with 12x57-mm AT guns and 30 trucks	direction of Haldensleben	Magdeburg
May 2	6 F with 4 tanks, 2 SP guns and 1 truck	Rosslau	Haldensleben
3	4 RRym with four T-34 tanks,	Magdeburg	Haldensleben
	1 B, 4 RRym with T-34 tanks and 1 truck	Magdeburg	Haldensleben
6	6 B, 10 F with personnel, 6 artillery pieces, and 7 trucks		
7	3 B, 8 F with personnel and 11 trucks	Magdeburg	Haldensleben

3. Troop trains identified from railroad records on 4 and 6 May included:

Date in May	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
4	7 CB, 3 B, 46 F	Rathenow	Altengrabow
	7 CB, 5 B, 46 F	"	"
6	13 CB, 4 B, 35 F	Zossen	Aken
	2 CB, 2 B, 47 F	Oranienburg	Vogelsang
	25 CB, 24 B, 15 F	Eberswalde	Jueterbog-Altes Lager

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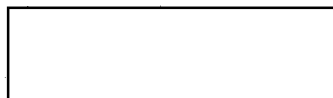
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- 25X1 1. [] The troop train [] which carried
 25X1 elements of the 18th (?) Engr Bn of the 1st Mech Div was previously observed
 25X1 [] confirms the Hq 1st Mech Div until 2 May 1954.
 25X1 A similar troop train apparently carried contingents of the 3rd Engr Regt
 25X1 of the Fourth Gds Mech Army to field exercises in the Rossau area at the
 same time.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. In addition to components of the 7th Gds Tank Div and 19th
 25X1 Gds Mech Div which transferred to the southern sector of Letzling Heath
 25X1 for summer training, probably tank details again arrived at Letzling Heath
 25X1 for shortterm firing practice with live ammunition in early May 1954. The
 25X1 tank details probably belonged to units of the 6th Gds Mech Div in Ebers-
 25X1 walde and 9th Gds Tank Div in Neustrelitz; and to the 53rd Mtrcl Bn of the
 25X1 25th Tank Div in Templin. The troop train with tanks of the 25th Tank Div
 25X1 was observed [] passing through Wustermark and Rothensee and,
 25X1 at 8:15 p.m. on 3 May 1954, [] at the Haldensleben rail-
 25X1 road station. [] the same tanks again left
 25X1 Haldensleben toward Magdeburg at 10:20 a.m. on 6 May 1954. []
 25X1 [] the troop train from Magdeburg to Haldensleben
 25X1 on 7 May 1954 [] carried trucks of the Eighth Gds Army.
- 25X1 3. [] Comment. The troop train on 3 May 1954 carried vehicles of the 9th
 25X1 Gds Tank Div, possibly belonging to the 74th Gds Mtrcl Bn, to Wuensdorf.
 25X1 [] an office of the Hq Second Gds Mech Army from Fuerstenberg
 25X1 until 3 May 1954. Its transfer to Wuensdorf cannot definitely be interpreted.
- 25X1 4. [] Comment. The troop train carried an unidentified unit which probably
 25X1 conducted combat firing practice at Letzling Heath up to late April 1954.
- 25X1 5. [] Comment. The two troop trains carried tanks of the 7th Gds Tank Div
 25X1 probably from Rossau.
- 25X1 6. [] Comment. As the vehicle [] belongs to an air force unit from
 25X1 Finsterwalde airfield, the troop train hauled the air force AAA unit rather
 25X1 to Wustrow than to Letzling Heath.
- 25X1 7. [] Comment. These troop trains [] carried
 25X1 contingents of the 65th Mort Brig (US) to Altengradow. Thus, a total of
 25X1 11 troop trains with components of the 6th Arty Div moved from Rathenow
 25X1 to Altengradow between 27 April and 3 May 1954.
- 25X1 8. [] Comment. [] a troop train with an engineer
 25X1 unit of the GOFG from the Schunke Kaserne (3441), []
 25X1 probably the 36th Pon Bdg Regt, left Zossen on 5 May 1954. The reference to
 25X1 Aken as the unloading station supports the assumption that the troop train
 25X1 in the present report carried elements of the unidentified engineer regiment
 25X1 from Bernburg. The identity of the troop train in the reference report with
 25X1 the troop train [] is doubted. The summer camp of
 25X1 the engineer regiment from Bernburg is located at Hirschloekerdamm east of
 25X1 Aken. On and after 21 and 22 April 1954, elements of the regiment had also
 25X1 been at Sperenberg.

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- 25X1 9. [] Comment. The troop train probably hauled rear details of the
25X1 25th Tank Div to the Templin troop training grounds.
- 25X1 10. [] Comment. The troop train which probably carried light AA guns
of the 63rd AAA Div (US) was observed [] at the Eberswalde
railroad station on the afternoon of 6 May, and passing through
Satzkorn toward Jueterbog on the morning of 7 May 1954.

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